

BARRINGTON HALL
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Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia
(Formerly Cobb County)

Owner: The Misses Evelyn and Katherine Simpson and Mrs. Few, (three great-great grand daughters of Roswell King).

Date of Erection: 1839. Completed 1842. (It took three years to build).

Architect - Builder: Architect from Winsor Conn. - Mrs. Reid says architect from Boston, same as built other houses for original colony. An English landscape gardener laid out the grounds, including a garden on the east side of the house.

Present Condition: Good. Original kitchen separate, - now burned.

Number of Stories: Two and attic and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundation. Frame construction above of the original heart pine cut on the place. The first roof was of shingles, the next of tin, and the present and third roof is composition shingles.

Other Existing Records: Georgia's Homes and Landmarks Page 29. Diary of B. King, July 1829 to Jan. 1833 (and two more) in possession of family.

Additional Data: Columned porch on three sides. Gabled pedimented ends. All columns have 20 flutes. Elliptical archway in front hall supported on two Doric columns of good design. Mantels in two east rooms also use Doric order with elongated Greek fret in frieze.

Most of the above information and all that follows furnished by Miss Evelyn Barrington Simpson.

On top of the house in the center of the roof is a small platform with a railing around it. "I have heard it called a 'whale walk'."

Built by Barrington King who with his father Roswell King, was the original founder of Roswell. Gen. Sherman used this house as headquarters when here. Barrington King moved to Roswell from the low country in 1837 in the Spring.

Successive owners: Barrington King; then his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Baker;- her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Simpson; her daughters, Katherine and Evelyn Simpson and Frances S. Few.

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Barrington King, co-founder of Roswell, with his father, Roswell King, for whom the town was named, selected this spot for his home, which is in the Greek Revival style of architecture. Willis Ball, a carpenter from Connecticut, was the builder. After five years - two years for cutting and seasoning the virgin timber and three years for building - Barrington Hall was completed in 1842. The grounds were laid out by an English landscape gardener.

The Kings, father and son, bought the land where Roswell stands, organized the Roswell Manufacturing Company, which was incorporated in 1839 with Barrington King as president. They laid out the town with wide streets and a park; they gave building sites for the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and for the Academy, and to the six families (which included the family of Barrington King) who formed the colony of Roswell.

(Above information is contained on a placque erected at the entrance to Barrington Hall in 1958 by the Georgia Historical Commission.)